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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: David Nikodem  
TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA et al. )  
: Group Art Unit: 1633  
Application No.: (Continuation-) )  
in-part of Appln. No. )  
09/090,672 filed June 4, 1998 )  
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Filed: Currently herewith )  
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For: IgA NEPHROPATHY-RELATED )  
GENES : December 5, 2000

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 13 and 15 as follows:

13. (Amended) A method for producing [the] a  
protein [according to claim 9] comprising an amino acid

sequence selected from the group of amino acid sequences represented by SEQ ID NO: 34 to NO: 40, or a protein comprising an amino acid sequence in which one or several amino acids are deleted, substituted or added in the amino acid sequence of said protein, and having an activity related to IgA nephropathy, comprising:

culturing the transformant according to claim 12 in a medium to produce and accumulate said protein in the culture; and

recovering said protein from the resulting culture.

15. (Amended) A method for immunologically detecting the protein according to claim 9 using [the] an antibody [according to claim 14] which recognizes the protein.

#### REMARKS

Claims 13 and 15 are amended in order to comply with accepted U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lawrence S. Perry", is written over a horizontal line.

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